

Jameson-Moran House
CH-683
Grosstown
Private

1900-1925

Likely constructed during the first quarter of the 20th century, the Jameson-Moran House is a two story, three bay, side passage dwelling with a hipped roof front porch and a decorative center gable. It is set slightly back from the north side of Olivers Shop Road near Grosstown. The house sits amid open fields and several typical outbuildings. Two of the outbuildings, a tobacco barn and a chicken house, are likely contemporary with the dwelling. Other later outbuildings include a large livestock house, a butchering shed, a double isle tobacco barn, a stripping shed, and a pump house. A one story, cross gable kitchen ell and several late 20th century additions extend from the rear of the dwelling.

The Jameson-Moran House is representative of the typical dwellings constructed in the rural areas of Charles County during the first quarter of the 20th century. The dwelling is noteworthy in its synthesis of an overall side-passage plan with architectural details typically associated with a center-passage I-house.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-683

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Jameson-Moran House
other	

2. Location

street and number	7597 Olivers Shop Road	_____	not for publication
city, town	Grosstown	_____	vicinity
county	Charles		

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	John and Cynthia Griffin				
street and number	7597 Oliver Shop Road			telephone	301870-2244
city, town	LaPlata	state	MD	zip code	20646

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Charles County Courthouse	tax map and parcel: 46-p.74			
city, town	LaPlata	liber	1210	folio	345

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category		Ownership		Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/>	public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	landscape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private	<input type="checkbox"/>	commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	both	<input type="checkbox"/>	defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	site			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	social
<input type="checkbox"/>	object			<input type="checkbox"/>	education	<input type="checkbox"/>	transportation
				<input type="checkbox"/>	funerary	<input type="checkbox"/>	work in progress
				<input type="checkbox"/>	government	<input type="checkbox"/>	unknown
				<input type="checkbox"/>	health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	vacant/not in use
				<input type="checkbox"/>	industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	other:
						<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
						<u>2</u>	<u>5</u> sites
						<u>3</u>	<u>5</u> structures
							objects
							Total
Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory							
0							

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Likely constructed during the first quarter of the 20th century, the Jameson-Moran House is a two-story, three-bay, side-passage dwelling with a hipped-roof porch extending the width of the front elevation and a decorative center gable. The dwelling is set slightly back from the north side of Olivers Shop Road near Grosstown. Open fields and several typical outbuildings surround the house. Of these outbuildings, the two likely contemporary with the dwelling include a tobacco barn and chicken house. Other later outbuildings include a large livestock house, a butchering shed, a double isle tobacco barn, a stripping shed, and a pump house. A one-story cross-gable kitchen ell and several late 20th century additions extend from the rear of the dwelling.

The dwelling faces southeast and is clad with a metal seam roof pierced by a two original corbelled cap chimneys. Stucco covers the original exterior wood siding. Windows on the front elevation are original and consist of 6/6 lights. The façade is characterized by a hipped porch resting on four square tapered columns and a decorative gable holding a square 4-light fixed window. The dwelling's most formal entrance door includes a 5 light transom and 3-light sidelights on either end. The porch base is concrete.

The side elevations of the main block are without fenestration. The kitchen wing includes a small porch on the southwest wall and shelters an entrance door and window. The opposite wall is without fenestration.

The interior has been substantially altered during a recent renovation at which time many features, including crown molding and chair railing, have been introduced. Many salvaged architectural elements from other historic sites, have been incorporated, including the façade exterior door and shutters serving as closet doors. A major change in the structure's historic use of space occurred when the original kitchen was converted into an informal living space and a modern kitchen was constructed in an addition to the rear. Floorplan changes include the removal of a partition wall that created a side hall plan in the main block.

The tobacco barn is located to the rear of the dwelling and is connected to the domestic complex by a short farm lane. This is a front gable, center isle tobacco barn with a shed addition providing an additional isle. The ridge runs generally on a north/south axis. As is typically found on tobacco barns, this example has vertical board siding and a metal roof.

The chicken house stands just north of the dwelling in the rear yard, a fair distance away from the house. This is a rectangular structure with an asymmetrical gable.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	C. 1900-1925	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	C. 1900-1925		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Jameson-Moran House is representative of the typical dwellings constructed in the rural areas of Charles County during the first quarter of the twentieth century. The structure is noteworthy in its synthesis of the side passage plan with the exterior appearance of an I-house form. First appearing locally during the first quarter of the 19th century, the side passage plan endured in popularity well into the 20th century and was often adapted to new house forms. The two-story, three-bay, side gable structure with a decorative center gable began to appear in Charles County during the last decade of the 19th century as a derivation of a center passage I-house.

The Jameson-Moran House is believed to have been built by members of the Jameson family during the second decade of the 20th century. During the previous century 74 acres formerly owned by Lucinda Dent, and known as "Katie Dent's Place" was sold for back taxes to Deborah Mankin. In 1874, just three years after their purchase, Deborah and her husband James, then residing in the District of Columbia, sold "Katie Dent's Place" to Elizabeth, Julius, Eustace, and John Gibbons. By 1908 the property, which included some improvements, was sold at public auction for \$500.

By 1912 it was conveyed to Austeneous Jameson, who sold the same to his son J. Warren Jameson. Austeneous also owned property in the vicinity including the adjacent "Burch Tract" consisting of almost 25 acres. In 1917 J. Warren Jameson sold the "Katie Dent" tract to Oscar B. Jameson which then included "buildings and improvements". In 1926, Oscar Jameson acquired from Austeneous Jameson's heirs additional acreage including the Burch Tract.

The property left the Jameson family in 1928 when it was sold to Cornell W. and Annie Moran. The Moran family occupied the dwelling until the close of World War II. From 1945 until 1971 it was owned by Ernest and Marguerite Cooksey.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 22

Acreage of historical setting 100

Quadrangle name Hughesville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Jameson-Moran House is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 46, Grid 8, Parcel 74.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept

date 4/25/01

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city or town LaPlata

state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville MD 21032
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Jameson-Moran House

name of property

Charles County, MD

county and state

Chain of title:

Tract 1 "Katie Dent Place"

May 16, 1871 Charles L. Burch, Tax Collector for Charles County Commissioners to Deborah Mankin.
74 acres formerly owned by Lucinda Burch (No. 53 Trials Nov. Term 1870.)
GAH 3:189

October 6, 1874 James and Deborah Mankin residents of the District of Columbia to Elizabeth Gibbons,
Julius Gibbons, Eustace Gibbons and John Gibbons. \$280, commonly known as "Katie
Dent's Place."
GAH 4:329

August 21, 1912 Property sold at public auction 18 August 1908 for \$500, Conveyed to Austeneus
Jameson. Improvements.
HCC 24:598

July 14, 1913 J. Archibald Jameson, adm. For Austeneus Jameson to J. Warren Jameson "Whereas the
said Austeneus Jameson on the 18th day of August 1908 purchased...the real
estate...Whereas the said Austeneus Jameson sold said real estate to his son J. Warren
Jameson..."Orphans Court of July 1913 directed the administrator to sell the land and
premises to J. Warren Jameson. 74 acres.
26:96

December 31, 1917 J. Warren Jameson to Oscar B. Jameson. Buildings and improvements
32:440

Tract 2 "Burch Tract"

May 14, 1926 James A. Jameson et al to Oscar B. Jameson. Several tracts including "Burch Tract"
conveyed by late Austeneus Jameson from William and Mary Queen.
WMA 46 Folio 610

Tract 1&2

August 27, 1928 Oscar B. Jameson to Cornell W. and Annie Moran. "Katie Dent's Place", 74 acres and
"the Burch tract", 23 8/10 acres. Buildings and improvements erected, made or being.
Adjacent parcels.
49:123

April 26, 1945 Carroll W. and Annie Mae Moran to Ernest and Marguerite Cooksey
2 tracts
81:379

June 17, 1971 Ernest and Marguerite Cooksey to John W. and Rosalinde M. Blanton. 22.303 acres.
238:1

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September 22, 1975	John and Rosalinde Blanton to Charles J. and Martha Moore 22.303 acres. 406:274
February 8, 1977	Charles J. and Martha Moore to Bill V. and Jeanette Ferguson. 22.303 acres. 486:88
December 4, 1980	To Leroy and Roberta Watson 753:287
August 4, 1986	To John T. and Cynthia Donovan Griffin 1210:345

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Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

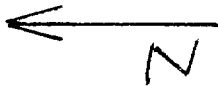
Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 2/2001

North arrow:



Name: JAMESON - MORAN HOUSE

Address: 1597 OLIVERS SHOP ROAD

CH - 683

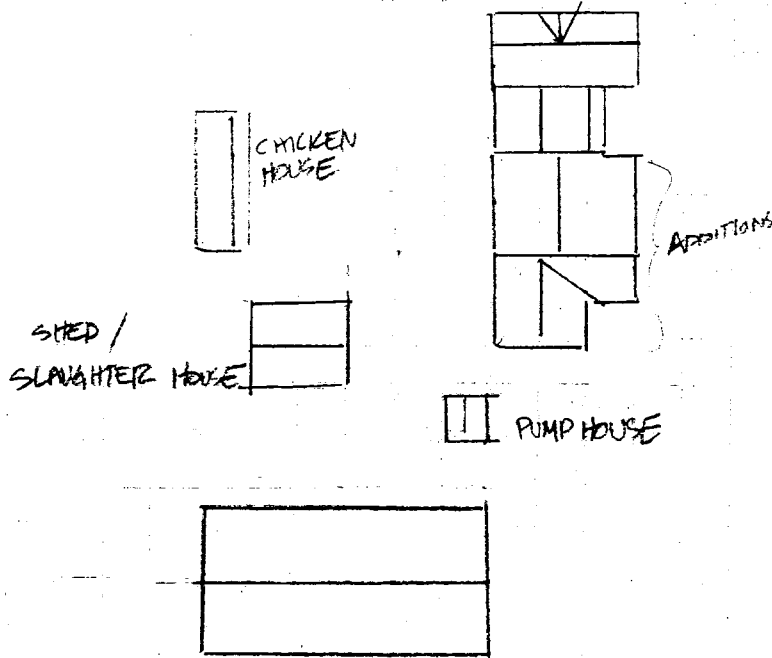
Charles County, Maryland

GROSSTOWN

☐ Vicinity

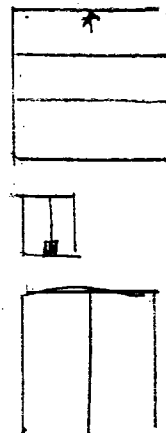
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OLIVERS SHOP ROAD

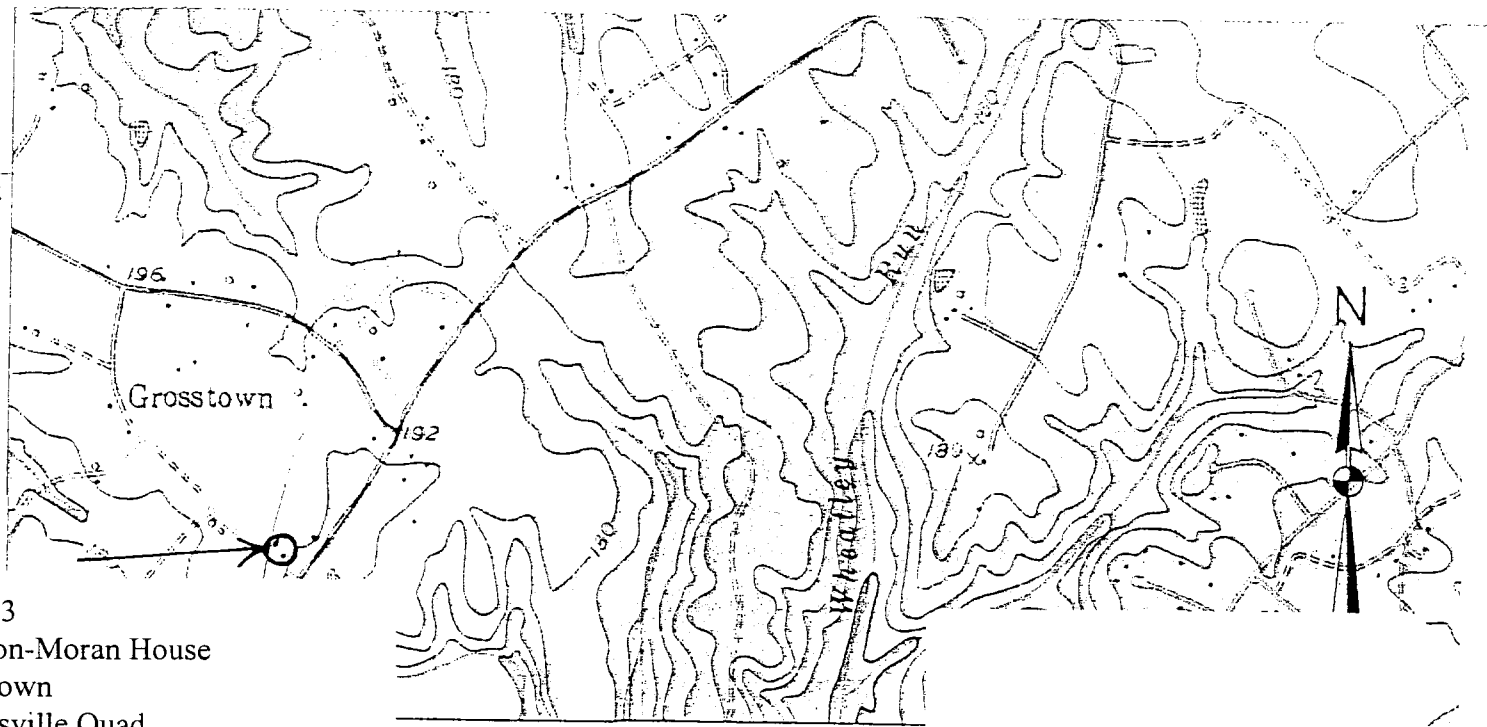


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TOBACCO
BARNS
STRIPPING
SHED



CH-683
Jameson-Moran House
Grosstown
Hughesville Quad

OP 1.3 MI 1840 000 FEET
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✓ Mapped by the Army Map Service
✓ Edited and published by the Geological Survey



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JAMESON MORAN HOUSE

GR. TOWN

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CURVEY

MD. SHPO

LOOKING WEST

602



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JAMESON-MORAN HOUSE

GROSTOWN

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LOOKING NORTHEAST

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